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TITLE: The Use of Growth Hormone Secretagogues to Treat Systemic Lupus
Erythematosus and Inflammatory Bowel Disease

RESPONSE

September 23, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004. A petition for a three-month extension of time to respond is attached.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.